GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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FLOOD CONTROL SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite being one of the worst flood hit States and none of the flood control schemes in Assam, find place among 138 flood control projects in six States recently sanctioned by the Government;

(b) if so, the details of the projects sanctioned in respect of the six other States with their cost and grants sanctioned therefor; and

(c) the details of flood control schemes and projects mooted by Government of Assam during the current year alongwith the Central Government response thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) During the 1st meeting of the Empowered Committee on Flood Management Programme held in March 2008, a total of 239 proposals were included from 12 states under ` Flood Management Programme` (FMP) in which 75 proposals were from Assam at an estimated cost of Rs. 438.39 crore. First instalment of Central Assistance of Rs.90 crore for these schemes was released to the State in July, 2008.

During the 2nd meeting of the Empowered Committee held in August, 2008, 27 new proposals were included from four States namely Bihar, Jharkhand, Punjab and West Bengal under Flood Management Programme. Four proposals received from the State Government of Assam were also considered by the Empowered Committee (in its 2nd meeting) but it was found that their cost estimates were not updated at the current price level. Therefore, the State Government was advised to update the cost estimates and re-submit the proposals after revision of the cost estimates.

The state-wise flood management schemes sanctioned under FMP indicating the estimated cost, central share approved by the Empowered Committee and the funds released to the states upto 30.11.2008 is annexed.

(c) During the current financial year, one more proposal has been received from Government of Assam, which has been examined. The State Government has been requested to submit the proposal updating the estimated cost at the current price level.